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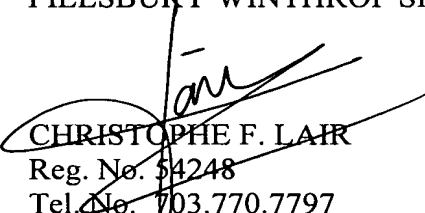
By this Amendment, claims 1-12 are amended, claims 13 and 16-19 are cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer to the subject matter therein, and claims 21-33 are newly added. Support for new claims 21-33 may be found, for example, in the embodiments shown in FIGS. 4-12 of the present patent application. No new matter has been added. After entry of this Amendment, claims 1-12, 14-15 and 20-33 will remain pending in the patent application.

In response to the Office Action dated October 4, 2006, the Applicant hereby elects Group I, corresponding to claims 1-15 and 20, drawn to a lithographic exposure apparatus and a device manufacturing method and device manufactured, for prosecution in the application identified above.

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